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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: ALUMINUM-ALLOY BASED SLIDING MATERIAL

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: August 30, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2004, for two months from June 29, 2004 to August 29, 2004.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$420.00, to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. Two copies of this paper are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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